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STEIN SINCE THIS TIME, AND ALSO HAS NOT SEEN ANY MEMBER OF STEIN'S FAMILY SINCE THIS TIME. DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN, BY HIS VERY NATURE, WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO ANY POLICE AGENCY, AND THAT STEIN WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO MICKIE MEDINA.

RE: CHARLES STEIN, JR.

STEIN INTERVIEWED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED BELIEVES MET FATHER, CHARLES STEIN, SUNDAY WEEK PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS (PROBABLY DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH) AT RESIDENCE OF AUNT MARIE STEIN LEE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA. HE INQUIRED AS TO HOW FATHER ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS AND WAS ADVISED THAT HE GOT A RIDE AND FATHER STATED WAS GOING TO STAY ONE OR TWO DAYS AT MOST. STATES NO CONVERSATION CONCERNING NAME ERIC OR GALT BY FATHER ON THAT DATE OR THE FOLLOWING DAY WHEN HE AGAIN SAW HIS FATHER AT THE SAME ADDRESS. DID NOT SEE RAY ON ANY OCCASION AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY. MOTHER'S MARRIED NAME MARIE MCLEOD AND BOTH RESIDE THREE FOUR THREE SIX PEOPLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS.

MRS. MARIE MCLEOD ADVISED DID NOT SEE EX HUSBAND STEIN AT ANY TIME WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS DURING DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HAS NEVER SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING PHOTO OF GALT OR RAY AS SEEN FROM NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DAILY DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX WHICH LEAVES NEW ORLEANS FOR FRANKFORT, GERMANY WITH STOPS AT ATLANTA AND WASHINGTON, DC.

ALL CREWS MEMBERS RE DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, SIXTYEIGHT INTERVIEWED AND DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND ALL ADVISED THAT THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANYONE ABOARD FOR THOSE DATES, WITH EXCEPTION OF STEWARDESS RITA REHKOPF. REHKOPF ADVISED THAT UPON REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL THEREIN APPEARED SIMILAR TO A PASSENGER WHO SAT IN THE LAST THREE ROWS ON THE RIGHT OF THE ONES FACING THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. REHKOPF UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHERE THIS PERSON GOT OFF BUT THINKS HE BOARDED IN NEW ORLEANS. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLAXION, DARK AHIR, CURLY AND COMBED BACK, WEARING SHABBY CLOTHES. OTHER DELTA AIRLINE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION AND INDICATED REHKOPF IS FLIGHTY AND EMOTIONAL.

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ON APRIL TWENTY SIX NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SA PHIL RODRIGUEZ, OSI ADVISED HIS COMMANDING OFFICER AT SHREVEPORT HAD RECEIVED A CLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM PARENTS OF RITA REHKOPF INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DAUGHTER WAS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE FBI. RODRIGUEZ STATED THAT REHKOPF WAS TO MEET HER PARENTS NOW IN THAILAND IN CALIFORNIA UPON THEIR RETURN FROM OVERSEAS BUT HAD ADVISED HER PARENTS SHE COULD NOT MEET THEM UNTIL "AFTER THE TRIAL" REFERRING TO THE TRIAL OF RAY AND THAT SHE WAS FLYING TO FLORIDA, REASON NOT INDICATED. RODRIGUEZ WAS ADVISED THAT REHKOPF INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED INSTANT MATTER ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER STEWARDESSES AND CREWMEN OF DELTA AIRLINES AND THAT SHE WAS NOT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF FBI AND THAT THIS OFFICE HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE REHKOPF WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY TRIAL.

REHKOPF TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE IN-INSTANT DATE SHE WAS EMOTIONALLY UPSET, NEEDED COMPANIONSHIP AND HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT AN AUNT IN OKLAHOMA WHO SHE

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FEELS WILL FLY TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE TO ASSIST HER IN THE ABSENCE OF HER PARENTS.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONCERNING CHARLES STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN, AKA MYRIAL TOMASO.

CHECK OF BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF CHARLES STEIN, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT ONE FIVE THREE FOUR B. ARREST HISTORY DISCLOSES STEIN ARRESTED NOPD INITIALLY IN FIFTYTHREE AND LAST ARRESTED TWO SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE. ARRESTS INVOLVE NO HONEST VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT, GAMBLING, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, STOLEN PROPERTY, PANDERING, SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION, POSSESSION OF BARBITUATES.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF MYRIAL TOMASO, FBI NUMBER ONE ONE ZERO NINE ONE THREE C WITH FIRST ARREST NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE LAST ARREST NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. ARRESTS INVOLVE VAGRANCY, INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS, AUTO THEFT, DRUNK, RESISTING ARREST, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, CREATING NUISANCE AND NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF MYRIAL TOMASO AND CHARLES STEIN AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

HOUSTON - HOUSTON DETERMINE EXACT TIME OF CALL FROM INSTANT PHONE BOOTH ON EVENING OF DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

AIRMAIL BOPY BEING SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 7 P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPES TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST AT TEN FOURTEEN PM AND TEN FORTYFOUR PM.

RE: TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS NO.

NINE FOUR SEVEN - ZERO NINE THREE

ZERO, MARCH TWELVE, LAST.

THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS LISTED TO OZAMA BOVIA THIRTYSEVEN ZERO SEVEN ABUNDANCE STREET, DESIRE STREET HOUSING PROJECT, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. BOVIA, NEGRO MALE, IN INTERVIEW DENIES ANY TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX THREE - NINE FOUR FOUR NINE. BOVIA VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND CHARLES STEIN AND RECOGNIZED RAY AS INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN KING CASE. BOVIA SAID HE HAD NEVER SEEN RAY BEFORE EXCEPT FOR THE PICTURES IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND

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ON TELEVISION AND THAT CHARLES STEIN IS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

AGENTS VIEWED TELEPHONE BILL OF BOVIA FOR MONTH OF MARCH. NO LONG DISTANCE TO OR FROM TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX THREE - NINE FOUR FOUR NINE IN LOS ANGELES.

BOVIA'S TELEPHONE BILL REFLECTED TWO LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOS ANGELES NUMBER FOUR SEVEN TWO - SEVEN SEVEN ZERO NINE ON MARCH TEN AND APRIL TWO, SIXTYEIGHT. BOVIA STATED THESE CALLS WERE A RELAY FROM HIS SON IN VIETNAM.

RE TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS NUMBER
FIVE TWO THREE - ZERO NINE THREE ZERO
ON DECEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYSEVEN.

THE ABOVE NUMBER LISTED TO THE IVANHOE PIANO BAR WHICH WAS LOCATED AT SIX ZERO ONE BOURBON STREET DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. MARIE STEIN LEE ADVISED APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS COCKTAIL WAITRESS, IVANHOE PIANO BAR. RECALLS

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RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALL FROM RITA STEIN A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS SIXTYSEVEN, IN WHICH RITA ADVISED THAT THE CHILDREN AND CHARLES STEIN HAD ARRIVED SAFELY IN CALIF. RITA DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT GALT. LEE FURTHER ADVISED THAT NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE FOUR FIVE - SEVEN THREE ONE TWO WAS LISTED IN HER NAME WHEN SHE RESIDED AT FOURTEEN TWENTYSEVEN BURGUNDY UNDER NAME OF MARIE STEIN. STATED SHE GAVE THIS NUMBER TO HER MOTHER, CLOVINA OLONZO, AND IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO HER MOTHER'S ADDRESS NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN AND ONE HALF ROYAL STREET BUT REMAINED IN MARIE STEIN'S NAME. ADVISED SHE DID THIS AT THE TIME SHE MOVED FROM THE BURGUNDY STREET ADDRESS TO TWO THOUSAND ONE CLARA STREET, GRETNA, LOUISIANA.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS IN MARCH AND APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO.

MRS. CLOVINA OLONZO, ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE HALF ROYAL STREET INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ADVISED THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO IS LOCATED IN HER RESIDENCE AND THIS PHONE WAS FORMERLY LOCATED AT THE RESIDENCE OF HER DAUGHTER, MARIE LEE, NEE STEIN, WHEN LEE RESIDED ON BURGUNDY STREET.

MRS. OLONZO CANNOT REMEMBER THE EXACT DATE WHEN TELEPHONE WAS INSTALLED IN HER RESIDENCE, BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WAS AT LEAST A MONTH AGO. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE REMEMBERS CALLING RITA ROSAS, NEE STEIN, IN LOS ANGELES IN THE MONTH OF MARCH SEVERAL TIMES, BUT CANNOT REMEMBER THE EXACT DATES OF THESE CALLS OR THE PURPOSE OF THESE CALLS. SHE ALSO ADVISED THAT SHE RECALLS RECEIVING A

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CALL FROM RITA ROSAS IN APRIL, EXACT DATE UNRECALLED AND PURPOSE OF CALL UNRECALLED. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY OF THE CONVERSATIONS AND STATED THAT SHE IS IN POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, SUFFERING FROM HEART TROUBLE AND DIABETES AND HAS BEEN IN A COMA ON TWO OCCASIONS IN THE PAST. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS SURE THAT GALT'S NAME NEVER CAME UP IN THESE CONVERSATIONS. SHE ADVISED HER SON, CHARLES STEIN, IS "CRAZY, BUT HARMLESS." SHE BASES THIS OPINION ON THE FACT THAT HER SON HOLDS CONVERSATIONS WITH "SPACE PEOPLE" AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS ASKED HER TO LOOK IN THE SKY TO SEE THE SAME FLYING SAUCER THAT HE WAS OBSERVING, BUT SHE COULD SEE NOTHING. SHE ALSO ADVISED THAT HER SON TALKS TO TREES AND HOLDS CONVERSATIONS WITH TREES, STATING THAT THEY ARE PLACED ON THIS EARTH FOR A PURPOSE.

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RE: NEW ORLEANS CALL TO LOS ANGELES PD

APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, BY CARMEN RUBIO

CARMEN RUBIO INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ADVISED SHE IS MOTHER OF STAN ROSA WHO IS DECEASED HUSBAND OF RITA STEIN AND FATHER OF KIM AND SHARON STEIN. RUBIO STATED AFTER READING NEWSPAPER STORIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER WHICH INVOLVED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW RITA STEIN SHE FELT APPREHENSIVE OVER SAFETY AND WELFARE OF HER GRAND CHILDREN. ADVISED KIM AND SHARON STEIN ARE WARDS OF THE NEW ORLEANS JUVENILE BUREAU AND THAT SHE FELT RITA NOT FIT MOTHER AND CONTACTED LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IN EFFORT TO SOLICIT HELP FROM LOS ANGELES PD IN OBTAINING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN. STATES SHE HAS NOT SEEN CHARLES OR RITA STEIN SINCE JULY FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME THEY CAME TO HER RESIDENCE AND TOOK THE CHILDREN. MRS. RUBIO

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WAS EXHIBITED A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NEVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE WAS AWARE THAT CHARLES STEIN HAD MADE A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER OF SIXTYSEVEN AND PICKED UP THE OTHER TWO CHILDREN BUT REITERATED SHE DID NOT SEE STEIN NOR DID SHE KNOW ANY DETAILS OF THIS TRIP.

LOS ANGELES VERIFY THAT BOVIA'S CALLS TO FOUR SEVEN TWO - SEVEN SEVEN ZERO NINE WERE OVERSEAS CALLS. ALSO REINTERIVEW RITA AND CHARLES STEIN REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS ENUMERATED ABOVE.

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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

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ReMMtel to Bureau, 4/22/68.

A check of the passenger manifests for departures of Coastal Aviation, Orlando, Fla., on 4/24/68, reflected no pertinent information pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY and known aliases.

Coastal Aviation makes almost daily flights from Orlando to Melbourne and Jacksonville, Fla., terminating at West End and Freeport, Grand Bahamas. Passenger manifests checked from April 4 - 22, 1968, covered departures from all points.

Mr. CHARLES BAIRD, President; Captain JOHN ANDERSON, pilot and LEON BARRY, Operations Manager and Pilot could not identify photographs.

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TO: SAC, DALLAS

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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RE CHICAGO TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND BIRMINGHAM TEL TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

RUSSELL MILLER, ONE EIGHT ONE ONE SOUTH ASHLAND, CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE ADVISING THAT HE HAS TAKEN OVER PAYMENTS FOR THE CAR BELONGING TO EDGAR F. BORDEN, WHICH CAR BEARS ALABAMA LICENSE TAGS FOUR TWO - SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX. MILLER WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DIVISION. DALLAS DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE EDGAR F. BORDEN. AM CC BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT WHICH CONTAINED RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH RELATIVES OF CHARLES STEIN AND MARIA MARTIN.

RE MARIE LEE, SISTER OF CHARLES STEIN.

MARIE LEE, INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ADVISED CHARLES STEIN TRAVELED FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, DATES UNRECALLED. STEIN LIVED WITH HER AT ONE FOUR TWO NINE BURGUNDY FOR TWO DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. STEIN'S ORIGINAL PLANS WERE TO SPEND ONE DAY AND ONE NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS, BUT HIS PLANS WERE ALTERED AND HE SPENT TWO DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. STEIN CAME TO NEW ORLEANS TO PICK UP RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN.

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STEIN ADVISED LEE HE WAS DRIVEN TO NEW ORLEANS BY ERIC GALT. (RAY). STEIN ADVISED LEE HE DID NOT KNOW GALT AND HAD MET HIM TWO DAYS PREVIOUS TO TRIP. STEIN'S TRIP ARRANGED BY MARIA MARTIN WHO HEARD GALT STATE WAS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS AND MARTIN APPROACHED GALT TO ARRANGE RIDE FOR STEIN.

GALT STAYED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL ON CHARTRES STREET IN NEW ORLEANS. WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS STEIN BECAME FEARFUL GALT MIGHT LEAVE HIM, SO HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED GALT AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL AND ASKED HIM TO COME TO LEE'S HOUSE SO GALT WOULD KNOW WHERE TO PICK STEIN UP. LEE STATED GALT CAME TO HER HOME ON SECOND DAY OF STEIN'S VISIT AND WAS INTRODUCED TO HER AS ERIC. SHE STATED GALT WAS EXTREMELY QUIET AND DID NOT SAY MUCH. GALT DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE STEIN'S INTRODUCTION OF LEE AND MERELY LEANED AGAINST PORCH POST. LEE ADVISED GALT WAS DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG, BUT SHE COULD NOT COMMENT ON LICENSE ON THIS CAR. LEE ADVISED SHE WAS IN GALT'S COMPANY APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. LEE ADVISED STEIN COMMENTED HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND

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GALT, AS GALT PAID FOR EVERYTHING ON TRIP AND REFUSED TO ALLOW STEIN TO PAY FOR GAS OR FOOD.

LEE ADVISED ON THIRD DAY OF STEIN'S VISIT GALT PULLED UP TO HER RESIDENCE IN MUSTANG, BUT DID NOT LEAVE CAR, MERELY HONKED HORN AND STEIN LEFT HER RESIDENCE.

LEE DESCRIBED GALT AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, LIGHT HAIR, LONG SKINNY NOSE. LEE ADVISED FRONT VIEW OF PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN IN SIXTY THAT APPEARS ON IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS IS EXCELLENT LIKENESS AND PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN SIXTYEIGHT IN BARTENDERS SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES DOES NOT RESEMBLE GALT. LEE ADVISED SHE KNEW OF NO OTHER TRIP MADE TO NEW ORLEANS BY RAY EXCEPT THE ONE IN DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN.

RE INTERVIEW WITH HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, HIS SISTER, THERESA STONE AND DALE RODRIGUEZ, HIS WIFE, ALL RESIDING FOUR ZERO ONE NINE ROYAL STREET.

HERBERT RODRIGUEZ ADVISED RECALLS RECEIVING PHONE CALL SOMETIME IN THE EVEING WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS FROM A MALE

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AND ALL HE COULD RECALL OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THE INDIVIDUAL ASKED RODRIGUEZ FOR HIS ADDRESS AND ADVISED HE WAS BRINGING A BOX. RODRIGUEZ STATED HE HAD JUST COME OFF A LONG ROAD TRIP PRIOR TO THE PHONE CALL AND WAS STILL "PUNCHY" FROM SAME. IT IS NOTED RODRIGUEZ IS AN EX-FIGHTER.(COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY).

DALE RODRIGUEZ IN REINTERVIEW STATED BOTH SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD GONE TO BED IN EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN THEY RECEIVED KNOCK ON DOOR AND SHE ANSWERED THE DOOR, ACCEPTED A BOX, ASKED HOW MIMI WAS, STATES COULD NOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATION FROM THE MAN, DID NOT LET HIM IN HOUSE OR TURN ON LIGHTS. SHE RECALLED IT WAS WINDY AND RAINING THAT NIGHT. FURTHER, SHE BELIEVED INDIVIDUAL WITH BOX TO BE APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. BOX STAYED AT HOUSE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AND WAS PICKED UP BY MRS. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, MOTHER OF HERBERT RODRIGUEZ. HERBERT AND DALE RODRIGUEZ HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

THERESA STONE ADVISED SHE SAW STEIN ON WHAT SHE BELIEVED WAS DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE OF HER

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COUSIN, MARIE LEE, WHO AT THAT TIME RESIDED IN FOURTEEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF BURGUNDY STREET. SHE STATED SHE HAD GONE THERE TO SEE CHARLIE STEIN. WHEN SHE WAS THERE STEIN RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AND STEIN ASKED HER HOW BEST ROUTE FOR A PERSON TO GET TO THAT ADDRESS. SHE COULD NOT RECALL WHERE THE PERSON WAS COMING FROM. SHE STATED SHE RECALLED THIS DATE AS DECEMBER EIGHTEEN BECAUSE SHE WAS IN HURRY TO GO TO WORK AND IT WAS BETWEEN NINE AND TEN P.M. FURTHER, SHE DID NOT WORK ON SUNDAY OR TUESDAY NIGHTS. SHE ADVISED AS SHE WAS LEAVING SHE MET WHITE MALE ARRIVING AT HOUSE, INTRODUCED BY STEIN AND DOES NOT RECALL THE NAME AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL FROM PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO HER OF RAY. FURTHER STATES SHE WAS IN A HURRY AND IT WAS DARK. SHE RECALLED MARIE LEE WAS PRESENT WHEN THIS INDIVIDUAL ARRIVED AND WHEN SHE, THERESA, LEFT. STONE HAD NO PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE OF TRIP OF RAY TO NEW ORLEANS MARCH SIXTYEIGHT.

RE MRS. LORRAINE CALLOWAY.

UPON REINTERVIEW, CALLOWAY NOW RECALLED SHE PICKED UP

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THERESA STONE'S DAUGHTER, DENISE, AFTER SCHOOL, BROUGHT HER TO STONE-RODRIGUEZ RESIDENCE AND AT THAT TIME PICKED UP THE BOX AND TOOK IT TO HER HOME. MRS. DALE RODRIGUEZ AGREES TO THE MANNER IN WHICH BOX WAS DELIVERED TO CALLOWAY HOUSE UPON RECALL.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE NIGHT INDIVIDUAL WHO DELIVERED BOX AT RODRIGUEZ RESIDENCE IN MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, A CHECK WITH THE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU DETERMINED THAT IT RAINED HEAVILY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYONE AND EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT, AND THAT THIS WAS ONLY RAINFALL OFFICIALLY RECORDED DURING THE PERIOD MARCH SEVENTEEN-TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

THOROUGH CANVASS OF MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES ALONG CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY CONTINUING.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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RE LA TECALL FOUR TWENTY FOUR INSTANT.TO NO.

ON FOUR TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, MRS. LORRAINE CALLAWAY, SIX ZERO NINE BARTHOLOMEW, NEW ORLEANS, LA., MOTHER OF MARIA MARTIN, ADVISED SHE RECALLS CHARLES STEIN APPEARING AT HER HOUSE IN POSSIBLY FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND LEAVING A BOX OF CLOTHING BELONGING TO MARIAN de GRASSE, EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF MARIA MARTIN. STEIN ARRIVED DRIVING A SMALL WHITE CAR, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION RECALLED AND ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE MALE WHO DID NOT LEAVE THE CAR. STEIN LEFT IMMEDIATELY AND CALLAWAY DID NOT OBSERVE STEIN'S COMPANION SUFFICIENTLY TO OBTAIN A DESCRIPTION.

MARIAN de GRASSE ADVISED SHE STARTED SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST AND RECEIVED THE FIRST BOX OF CLOTHING FROM FROM HER MOTHER VIA HER GRANDMOTHER ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER. IN REGARD TO SECOND BOX OF CLOTHING, deGRASSE RECALLS RECEIVING TELE CALL FROM HER MOTHER ON MARCH SIXTEEN LAST AT WHICH TIME HER MOTHER STATED A BOX OF CLOTHING WOULD BE DELIVERED IN A COUPLE OF DAYS BY A FRIEND WHOM SHE CALLED ERIC. deGRASSE ADVISED SHE RECEIVED

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SECOND BOX ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST FROM HER GRANDMOTHER CALLAWAY. AND NOTED SAME IN A DIARY.

MRS. CALLAWAY RECALLS RECEIVING SECOND BOX OF CLOTHING FROM HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, DALE RODRIGUEZ, FOUR ZERO ONE NINE ROYAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA. ON UNRECALLED DATE.

MRS. DALE RODRIQUES ADVISED THAT DURING EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH LAST HER HUSBAND HERBERT ANSWERED TELEPHONE EARLY EVENING AND CALLER, WHOM DALE CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW, ADVISED HE WAS BRINGING OVER A BOX OF CLOTHING FROM MIMI IN LOS ANGELES. AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY THAT SAME NIGHT, DALE ANSWERED A KNOCK ON HER FRONT DOOR AND ACCEPTED A BOX OF CLOTHING FROM A WHITE MALE WHOM SHE CLAIMS SHE DID NOT OBSERVE AND COULD NOT FURNISH DESCRIPTION OF. DALE STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT ENTER RESIDENCE AND HER CONTACT WITH HIM LASTED ONLY A FEW SECONDS. DALE RECALLS TAKING THE BOX OVER TO CALLAWAY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES INSTANT DATE AND ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM "RED COMET" EDITION, INSTANT DATE UNDER BYLINE OF LOUIS LOMAX WITH DATE LINE BEVERLY HILLS (NANA).

THIS ARTICLE STATED THAT THE HUNT FOR THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASINATION OF DR. KING NOW FOCUSES ON A "MYSTERIOUS HOLLYWOOD BLONDE AND A NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE FBI LET IT BE KNOWN ON MONDAY "THAT THEY WERE IN SEARCH OF THE HOLLYWOOD BLONDE BUT COULD NOT LOCATE HER. THE REPORT WAS THAT SHE HAS DISAPPEARED."

THE ARTICLE STATES THAT LOMAX LOCATED THE BLONDE IN QUESTION LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THAT SHE IS IN HER MID-TWENTIES AND AS SUSPECTED WAS A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF RAY.

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FURTHER THAT THE BLONDE WAS A HABITUE OF THE SULTAN ROOM IN THE RABBIT'S FOOT BARS ALONG A SLEEZY SECTION OF HOLLYWOOD BLVD. THIS BLONDE USES SEVERAL NAMES ACCORDING TO LOMAX, BUT WAS KNOWN AS "JERRI."

THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT JERRI SPENT SEVERAL NIGHTS, PERHAPS WEEKS, WITH RAY AND THAT ON THE DAY RAY LEFT LOS ANGELES ON THE TRIP THAT LED HIM TO MEMPHIS, HE PURCHASED JERRI AN AIRPLANE TICKET TO A MID-WESTERN CITY WHERE SHE IS NOW VISITING WITH HER PARENTS.

LOMAX FURTHER ALLEGES IN THE ARTICLE THAT ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, RAY WAS IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH A MAJOR NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST, A MAN WHO IS CONSIDERED THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL "KILLER" OF THE COMMUNITY. FURTHER, THAT ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, RAY MET IN PERSON WITH THIS INDUSTRIALIST AND ON THE DAY OF THIS MEETING RAY WAS REGISTERED IN A MOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS. THE MEETING IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN "DOWNTOWN" NEW ORLEANS.

LATER, THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT THE FBI IS HAVING

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MAJOR DIFFICULTY TRACING THE BLONDE AND THE INDUSTRIALIST BECAUSE THE TRAIL LEADS THROUGH DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD AND SEMI-UNDERWORLD WHO REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; THAT THE NAME OF THE NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST IS NOT KNOWN.

LOMAX CLAIMS THAT HE IS AWARE OF HOW THE TELEPHONE CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIST AND RAY WAS ESTABLISHED AND THAT A SEARCH IS NOW ON TO LOCATE RECORDS WHICH WILL REVEAL BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIST'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

LOMAX DESCRIBED JERRI AS SPEAKING WITH A FOREIGN ~~ACCIDENT~~ ACCENT AND IS PROBABLY FROM ONE OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION APPEARING IN THIS ARTICLE, PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY NEW ORLEANS AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, ESTABLISHED THAT JAMES EARL RAY REGISTERED AS ERIC S. GALT IN PROVINCIAL MOTEL ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN AND CHECKED OUT ON DECEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION FURTHER ESTABLISHED NO PERTINENT

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE FROM PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED NEAR MOTEL SWIMMING POOL AND NO RECORDS OF ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE BY GALT. RECORDS OF LOCAL CALLS WERE KEPT BY MOTEL, BUT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED FOR DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

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CONTACT WITH ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS, CHALMETTE, LA., AREA WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS TO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, THEN KNOWN AS GALT, AS A RESULT OF RAY'S MENTION TO CHARLES STEIN WHILE EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS THAT HE WOULD CONTACT A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH ENGINEERING OR ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ CONTRACTING IN Chalmette area WHILE VISITING NEW ORLEANS.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. CLOVINA A. OLONZO, MOTHER OF RITA STEIN, DETERMINED THAT SHE DID NOT SEE GALT WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS.

IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED unknown NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST REFERRED TO IN RE NEWS ARTICLE NOT KNOWN TO NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

THE "RED FLASH" EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM INSTANT DATE CARRIES A REHASH OF REFERENCED ARTICLE AND, IN ADDITION, INCLUDES STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JIM GARRISON, WHICH IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

"WE'RE VERY INTERESTED IN THE CASE."

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HOWEVER, THE DA SAID, "WE HAVE NO DATA AT PRESENT. THE FEDERAL PEOPLE HAVE NOT GIVEN US THE INFORMATION."

HE ADDED THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REFUSED THE INFORMATION - THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ASKED FOR IT. "NOW THAT IT'S GETTING THIS SPECIFIC, WE'LL BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED."

GARRISON STRESSED THAT HE MEANS NO CRITICISM OF FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS IN THIS INSTANCE. "THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

REFERENCED NEWS ARTICLE BEING FORWARDED BUREAU, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS AMSD INSTANT DATE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS DIVISION REVEAL THAT IN SUMMER OF SIXTYFIVE DURING RACIAL TURMOIL IN BOGALUSA, LA., AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS LOUIS LOMAX AND DESCRIBED AS A WRITER AND TELEVISION PERSONALITY FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIF., WAS PRESENT IN BOGALUSA ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. DURING THESE OCCASIONS LOMAX MADE SPEECHES AND PARTICIPATED IN MARCHES CONDUCTED BY THE BOGALUSA VOTERS LEAGUE (BVL), A LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION.

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ON ONE OCCASION LOMAX IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN OF A GROUP KNOWN AS "CONCERNED CALIFORNIANS FOR BOGALUSA COMMITTEE." FILES REVEAL THAT ALLEGEDLY LOMAX HAD RAISED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CALIFORNIA DURING SIXTYFIVE TO FURNISH TO THE BVL TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THAT OF THE ALLEGED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED BY LOMAX, ONLY APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FURNISHED BY LOMAX TO THE BVL.

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REPORT
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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 4/24/68

Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in the amount of $17.50, signed "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 28 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

Qc288 has been retained.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: April 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
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Examination requested by: Newark

Reference: Airtel 4/23/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

For information Legat, Ottawa, Qc288 is a Canadian Postal Money Order which was submitted to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, in part payment for a correspondence course undertaken by ERIC C. GALT.

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1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)
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SAC, Newark (44-354) April 21, 195[illegible]

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurairtel 4/15/53.

Reference is made to Newark airtel dated 4/15/53 which submitted two rolls of microfilm containing photographs of Bank of America Money Orders 0077 1[illegible]7 and 077[illegible]1701. These are photographs of originals specimens 4210 and 4221 respectively which were submitted with Los Angeles letter dated 4/16/53.

Results concerning the examination of these money orders are set forth in Laboratory Report of Special Agent dated 4/15/53.

Enclosed herewith for Newark are two rolls of microfilm.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Atlanta (44-2320)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
1 - Memphis (44-1967)

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: SACS, EL PASO, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MUNKIN

DURING AUTOMOBILE TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, MRS. GLADYS D. MEEHAM, WIFE OF DR. DONALD MEEHAM, SPRINGVILLE, NY, ADVISED SHE AND HER FAMILY HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE ROCK SOUND CLUB IN BEACH COTTAGES, ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS. SHE HAD SEEN THE TODAY SHOW ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, WHEREUPON SHE OBSERVED A PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

MRS. MEEHAM SAW A MAN IN ROCK SOUND CLUB ON THE EVENING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN OR NINETEEN LAST WHO BORE A REMARKABLE RESEMBLANCE TO RAY. SHE OBSERVED THIS MAN AT BREAKFAST THE FOLLOWING MORNING. HE WAS DRESSED IN BUSINESS SUIT AND APPEARED PALE AS THOUGH HE HAD JUST ARRIVED. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER MAN WHOM SHE COULD NOT DESCRIBE EXCEPT THAT HE WAS SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO

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THE MAN SHE OBSERVED AS TO AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND BUILD.

MIAMI HANDLE.

AM CCS TO BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, MIAMI, AND HOUSTON

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL THREE ZERO TWO P.M., APRIL TWENTYSIX.

REFERENCE MIAMI TEL SETS FORTH INFO RECEIVED FROM PAUL ALVIN LAIL, FORMER MISSOURI STATE PEN INMATE. OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEW OF LAIL IS STATEMENT THAT HE FELT RAY MIGHT GO TO PLACE ABOUT SIZE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. SINCE NEIL ABEY ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESIDENT OF HOUSTON AREA, REQUEST MIAMI REINTERVIEW LAIL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD ANY REASON FOR PICKING OUT CITY SIZE OF HOUSTON, OR IF HE HAS INFO SUGGESTING RAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ABEY OR ANYONE ELSE IN HOUSTON. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY.

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1 - KANSAS CITY (AM)

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1967) -P-

RE: MURKIN
CR

Re BH tel to Bureau, 4/11/68 at 6:32 p.m., setting forth information regarding a stop notice for JOHN E. WILLARD, BH tel to Bureau, 4/11/68 at 6:30 p.m., setting forth results of check with W. M. GARDNER, Manager, Retail Credit Co., Birmingham, Alabama, concerning one J. D. WILLARD, and AT tel to Bureau, 4/15/68 at 6:15 p.m. setting forth information re A. M. TENNISON, JR. of National Life and Accident Insurance Co., Nashville, Tennessee.

On 4/24/68, Mr. A. M. TENNISON, JR. , Assistant Auditor, General Accounting Division, National Life and Accident Insurance Company, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SA HENDERSON HILLIN, JR. that he had searched all available records of his company and could find no information concerning a J. D. WILLARD as a former employee of the company or anyone about whom the National Life and Accident Insurance Company had made any effort to locate. He advised that he had located a record for JOHN E. WILLARD, a former agent with the National Life and Accident Insurance Company in the Chicago South Central District. His record

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contained the following information:

JOHN E. WILLARD, certificate number [redacted] service number [redacted] was employed in the Chicago, Illinois South Central District as an agent from July 13, 1964 to January 8, 1965. WILLARD left the company and owed the company $498.85 in collected premium funds which were not turned in. Thereafter the company made numerous efforts to collect this money from him and began efforts to locate him for contact in 1966. On October 27, 1966, the company put out a broadcast of disappearance for JOHN E. WILLARD and distributed this to various credit agencies throughout the United States. The Chicago, Illinois Credit Bureau reported to the National Life and Accident Insurance Company thereafter that they had determined that WILLARD was last known to be residing at 2564 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, and had previously been employed by the Gateway Transport Company.

A former address of 5202 South Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was indicated. WILLARD is a white male, born [redacted], 5'11", 203 pounds, and is married to IRENE JOY WILLARD, born [redacted] The Chicago Credit Bureau reported that they were divorced or separated. Born to this union were three children, JOHN, JAMIE and DANNY.

Mr. TENNISON stated that this was a regular occurrence in that insurance agents would work for a period of time and quit owing the company money, and an effort would be made to locate them. He advised that this stop notice has been distributed throughout the United States and to this date WILLARD has not been located by the company and no restitution on these funds made.

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

Although the subject in this case has been identified, Chicago might desire to utilize information contained above covering lead set forth in referenced communication.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD was interviewed at his place of employment, Day-Brite Lighting Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, and after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing Agents was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 306 443 A, and photographs of RAY taken while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLARD stated that the photographs were unfamiliar to him.

WILLARD also stated the following names were unknown to him:

W. C. HERRON
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES O'CONNOR
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON
EARL JALES

WILLARD further stated that he is a married man with a family and does not hang around bars.

WILLARD commented that the only traveling he does is to visit relatives in Southaven, Mississippi, a suburb of Memphis, Tennessee, and further commented that he does not visit any bars in Memphis on these occasions, and does not hang around the City of Memphis on these visits.

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On 4/22/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN and SA JOHN S. CASTLES:FGH:bal Date dictated 4/22/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN HUBEART WILLARD
PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies and for Memphis and Birmingham two copies each of an FD-302 reflecting interview of JOHN HUBEART WILLARD on April 22, 1968.

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, Pontotoc, Miss., who is employed by the Day-Brite Lighting Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, was interviewed by Special Agents and exhibited photographs of Subject JAMES EARL RAY. Background investigation has previously been conducted concerning WILLARD and his whereabouts during the pertinent period and he has been eliminated by witnesses. He was working during the pertinent period and this has been substantiated by active investigation. WILLARD was questioned concerning his associates and contacts over the past two years and indicated he can recall no incidents where he could have ever come in contact with the subject in this matter.

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Date: April 25, 1968

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. -
FUGITIVE;
MURKIN
CR; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: ME

Reference Cincinnati teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, dated 4/20/68, and Cleveland teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, dated 4/21/68.

Investigation Concerning MILLIE MARIE HUFF and WILLIE CORNETT, Big Rock, Kentucky.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No lead set forth to contact AUGGIE HUFF at Kingsport, Tennessee. Lead withheld until determination made as to the individual MANCEL VERNON PAYNE referred to in the 4/20/68, teletype.

On 4/21/68, WILLIE and VIVIAN CORNETT, Big Rock, Kentucky, advised that they are not at all familiar with

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the subject and stated subject is not related to them.

CORNETT advised MILLIE MARIE PAYNE, nee HUFF, is their niece but they are unaware of her location. They advised they are unaware of the location of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE'S mother, GOLDIE HUFF. CORNETT stated he knew of no relative on either side of them family having the last name RAY.

CORNETT advised PETE HUFF lives in Ohio at an unknown location and AUGGIE HUFF resides in Kingsport, Tennessee, exact location unknown.

The following relatives of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE were contacted as to possible relationship to JAMES EARL RAY or knowledge of RAY. All advised they are unfamiliar and not related:

WILSON CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(uncle of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE).

BENTLEY HUFF
Big Rock, Kentucky
(brother of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE).

CORBIN HUFF
Brother of CLAUDE HUFF
brother of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE.

MILFORD CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

ANNA LENE CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

ELMER CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

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KEN CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

On 4/21/68, LORETTA and JOHN RAY, Big Laural, Kentucky, advised that they are the only RAY family in Laurel County and are not related nor are they familiar with the subject.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re teletype from Birmingham to Mobile, 3:53 P.M., 4/17/68 with reference to a Mrs. JUNIOR GALT, 2311 West Cloverdale Park, Montgomery, Ala.

On 4/18/68, SAs SPENCER H. ROBB and GERALD O. GRAYBILL determined Mrs. EVELYN B. GALT, widow of JUNIOUS GALT, resides at this address but she was not home on that date and could not be interviewed.

In view of the subsequent identification of subject, no further efforts will be made to locate this individual HAC.

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TELETYPE IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SACS, EL PASO AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

REBUTEL, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST INSTRUCTING THAT LONG DISTANCE CALLS BE CHECKED ON ROUTES THROUGH TEXAS THAT SUBJECT AND CHARLES STEIN ALLEGEDLY MADE. ALTHOUGH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE IS INVOLVED IN A STRIKE, OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY ARE COOPERATING AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TELEPHONE BOOTHS ALONG THESE ROUTES IN THE HOUSTON DIVISION. THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS FOR THE PERIOD DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN ARE BEING PULLED AND WILL BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHEN NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE THEY WILL BE CHECKED BY AGENT PERSONNEL THIS DIVISION SINCE TELEPHONE COMPANY WILL BE UNABLE TO DESIGNATE ANY EMPLOYEE IN VIEW OF STRIKE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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RECHICAGOTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST INDICATING BROTHER OF SUBJECT ONE JERRY WILLIAM RAY NORTHBROOK ILL., HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MARJORIE FETTERS TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ARNOLD STREET, CAMDEN, NJ.

LILLIAN DICKINSON OWNER OF RESIDENCE TWENTY FOUR TWENTY ARNOLD ST., CAMDEN, NJ, ADVISED TODAY THAT MARJORIE FETTERS RENTS A ROOM AT THIS ADDRESS. FETTERS ARRIVED IN CAMDEN, NJ, DURING FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE COME TO CAMDEN FROM MIAMI, FLA., AND WAS BROUGHT TO TWENTY FOUR TWENTY ARNOLD ST., BY ONE JAMES DYER. DYER DESCRIBED AS W/M FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE POUNDS, WHO LEFT FETTERS AFTER SHE OBTAINED ROOMS AND NEVER RETURNED. FETTERS LEARNED OF ROOM THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD. SHE WAS PREGNANT WHEN SHE ARRIVED AND BABY DUE MOMENTARILY. FETTERS IS NOT MARRIED TO DICKINSON'S KNOWLEDGE. FETTERS CLAIMED TO HAVE WORKED AS GO-GO DANCER AND TOPLESS WAITRESS IN CALIFORNIA

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AND FLORIDA.

ACCORDING TO DICKINSON, FETTERS ANSWERED A LONELY HEARTS TYPE AD IN A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ABOUT A MONTH AGO, AND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS LATER, RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JERRY RAY, NORTHBROOK, ILL. FETTERS ANSWERED THE LETTER AND HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING EVER SINCE. DICKINSON DESCRIBED RAY AS PROBABLY BEING A "KOOK" IN THAT THE TENOR OF HIS LETTERS INDICATE HE WANTS TO BE DOMINATED BY FETTERS SHOULD THEY EVER LIVE TOGETHER.

MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS NEE JONES AKA MARJORIE CARLUS, MRS. CHARLES CARLUS, MRS. CLYDE FETTERS, INTERVIEWED TODAY INDEPENDENTLY OF DICKINSON. SHE FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AND ADMITS BEING FORMER "STRIPPER". SHE STATED SHE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SAS IN THE PAST RE A WSTA MATTER IN NORFOLK, VA., UNDER THE NAME MARJORIE JONES. SHE DESCRIBED AS W/F, DOB [redacted] AT FAIRMONT, W. VA., FIVE FEET TWO INCHES, HAIR NATURALLY BROWN, BLEACHED BLONDE AND ALSO WORN RED, EYES BLUE, ONE TWENTY POUNDS, SEVERAL FACIAL SCARS, AND SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED FROM CLYDE FETTERS.

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DURING FEBRUARY SHE WROTE TO AN UNRECALLED POST OFFICE BOX SEEN IN AN EXPOSE TYPE NEWSPAPER, POSSIBLY THE CHRONICLE WHICH SHE PURCHASED IN CAMDEN, NJ. SHE ANSWERED AN AD WHERE THE UNKNOWN WRITER DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A MALE WANTING TO BE DOMINATED BY A FEMALE. SHE PLACED A COMMUNICATION DESCRIBING HERSELF IN AN ENVELOPE UNADDRESSED WITH A STAMP ON IT AND IN TURN PLACED THIS ENVELOPE IN A SECOND ENVELOPE WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO THE PO BOX WITH A DOLLAR ENCLOSED. THE RECEIVER OF THIS COMMUNICATION THEN FORWARDS THE ENCLOSED COMMUNICATION TO THE WRITER OF THE AD. IT WAS IN THIS MANNER THAT SHE BEGAN CORRESPONDING WITH JERRY RAY. SHE HAS NEVER SEEN RAY AND HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED IN ANY OF HIS LETTERS ANY OF HIS FAMILY OTHER THAN HIS HAVING A CHILD. SHE REFERS TO HIM AS A KOOK AND OBVIOUSLY NOT VERY SMART AND SHE STATED SHE MERELY WROTE TO THE NEWSPAPER FOR SOMETHING TO DO.

TODAY SHE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM WHEREIN HE ENCLOSED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS, INDICATES HE HAS CALLED HER ON THE TELEPHONE, AND STATES HE WOULD SEND HER MONEY IF SHE NEEDED IT. THE LETER WHICH SHE MADE AVAILABLE STATES IN PART "I'M GLAD YOU LIKE THE

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PICTURE OF MY SON". THE LETTER CONSISTS OF THREE AND ONE HALF PAGES AND WILL BE XEROXED AND COPIES FURNISHED CHICAGO.

FETTERS HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI AND STATED THAT SHE WILL WRITE JERRY RAY AND ATTEMPT TO INQUIRY MORE ABOUT HIS FAMILY AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY HE MAY AGAIN TELEPHONE HER AT WHICH TIME SHE WILL MAKE INQUIRY CONCERNING HIS FAMILY. SHE STATED SHE WILL NOT DEVULGE THE FBI CONTACT AND THEREFORE CHICAGO SHOULD NOT INFORM JERRY RAY AT THIS TIME OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

DURING ALL NIGHT SURVEILLANCE AT TWENTY FOUR TWENTY ARNOLD ST., CAMDEN, NJ, A NINETEEN SIXTY TWO FOUR DOOR, HT CADILLAC, BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE FOUR NINE THREE SIX FIVE ONE WAS OBSERVED IN THE DRIVEWAY. THE CHICAGO OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT THIS IS REGISTERED TO HAROLD AND PAT WARD, THIRTEEN ZERO ONE N. MAIN ST., BENTON, ILL. LILLIAN DICKINSON ADVISED WARD IS SAILOR WHO IS ATTENDING BOILERMAKER SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD.

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INDICES CONCERNING FETTERS WHO WAS KNOWN TO THAT OFFICE AS MARJORIE JONES. ANY INFO AS TO HER RELIABILITY IS REQUESTED.

CHICAGO SHOULD NOT ADVISE JERRY RAY OF NK AND CHICAGO'S KNOWLEDGE OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS ENCLOSED BY RAY WILL BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED CHICAGO AS THEY CAN ADVISE WHETHER HE SENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF HIMSELF OR SOME OTHER MALE.

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